

**Notice of Public Meeting of a Public Body**

Sections 7.6, 7.7.4 and 7.9.1

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE –  
Governor's Forest Health Council**

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431, notice is hereby given to the members of the Forest Health Council and to the general public that the **Forest Health Council** will hold a meeting open to the public:

**January 10, 2008**

**9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**County Supervisors Association Building  
1905 West Washington Street, Suite 100  
Phoenix, AZ**

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**Meeting Objective:** To review progress on standing action items, continue developing the Statewide Strategy Restoration Scorecard, discuss publication and release of the land use paper, review endorsement of the Prescott WUI code, and finalize the Forest Health Council 2008 work plan.

- 1) Call to order – 9:20 am  
Ethan A., Josh A., Steve G., Rob D., Mayor Donaldson, Kirk R., Mark H., Molly P., Larry S., Glenn B., Mike N., Norris D., Kerri M., Tom O., Erica R., Todd S., Rob S., Darrell W., Tom K.,

- 2) Approval of the Minutes from November 30, 2007 – Approved by council

- 3) Review progress on standing action items ~ Diane Vosick and Ethan Aumack

Ethan distributed the Forest Health Council "Work Plan", designed to help council members track progress towards meeting Statewide Strategy goals and objectives through prioritized action items. The work plan also lines out a presentation schedule for upcoming meetings. The work plan will be updated and used at all council meetings from this point forward.

- 4) Statewide Strategy Restoration Scorecard ~ Ethan Aumack

The last subcommittee meeting was held on 1/9/08. The subcommittee (Diane V., Ethan A., Norris D., Glenn B., Kirk R., Steve G., and Lori F., Todd S.) has been working to define scorecard heading and draft metrics for presentation back to the Council. Initial headings include Public Education, Restoration, Fire Management, Community Protection, Sustainable Economic Development, and Integration of Statewide Strategy into ongoing Planning. The group agreed that these headings provide a sufficient starting point for the discussion, agreed with the use of WGA performance metrics (also as a starting point), and agreed with the need to integrate the scorecard with Arizona Fire Map. Organization of the scorecard is slated for completion in April, 2008.

- 5) Discuss publication and release of the land use paper ~ Don Falk

The document will be released as a product of the Forest Health Council if there are no objections. If there are objections, the paper will be released as a product of the Forest Health Advisory and Oversight Councils. Jean Palumbo has been working on final edits to the document. A final copy will be sent to the council ASAP, at which point the final decision on FHC endorsement will be made.

- 6) Review letter of endorsement for the Prescott Wildland-Urban Interface Code ~ Darrell Willis

After extensive discussion, the Council suggested several edits for the document, which will be incorporated by Darrell Willis.

- 7) Review letter of endorsement for Future Forests ~ Molly Pitts

After extensive discussion, the Council – while fully supportive of this effort – decided to abstain from endorsing the funding request. Council members agreed to use a tight filter in endorsing efforts, and to avoid endorsing efforts where Council endorsement might provide inappropriate advantage in competitive processes. The Council agreed that endorsements promoting statewide efforts could be appropriate and should be considered.

- 8) Discussion with Bill Dowdle, Natural Resources Division Director, Arizona State Lands Department regarding the recommendations that pertain to State Lands.

Bill Dowdle and Kirk Rowdabaugh led discussion regarding recent changes that have been made in the organization of the State Lands and Forester's Office. Kirk agreed to keep the Council abreast of transition progress, specifically that which might allow for forest restoration planning to occur more significantly across state lands.

- 9) Finalize Forest Health Council 2008 work plan and calendar ~ Diane Vosick and Ethan Aumack

Approximately \$1 million in budget. Still not enough due to fire issues, water shed issues etc. Legislature needs to be aware of how serious these issues are. 2% of the fires take 95% of the costs.

- Norris D. to draft letter (facts sheet) for Legislative funding.
- Tom O. will deliver letter recommendations to Governor for signature and then to Western States.
- Kirk R. to bring information on the Trust Funds that have been used for Forest Service

- 10) Meeting schedule and locations

- a. February, 14, 2007, New Arizona Fish and Game Office - 5000 W. Carefree Highway  
Phoenix, AZ 85086
  - i. Jump Start Biomass Project, Herb Hopper – Will take place in March, working lunch
  - ii. Wildlife Principles, Arizona Game and Fish
- b. Scorecard/public awareness/during fire season
- c. General Presentation to Supervisor's to understand Statewide Strategy – February 21<sup>st</sup> or March 20<sup>th</sup>

- 11) Call to the Public - Ms. Cheryl L. Lombard, Director of Government Relations, The Nature Conservancy said she goes to Washington, DC every month and can act as advocate of Forest Health.

*This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as results of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further considerations and decisions at a later date.*

*Dated this January 4, 2008*  
*Governor's Forest Health Council*  
<http://www.governor.state.az.us/FHC/>

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#### CO-CHAIRS

Ethan Aumack – Grand Canyon Trust  
Diane Vosick – Ecological Restoration Institute, NAU

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